

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session February 11, 2013 at 7:04 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Committee Chairman, Jeff Doss called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Arnold English, Nancy Swan, Tonya Cummings, Carol Ingham, Michael Crevoisier, Larry Morris, Barbara Schmitz and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn was absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Dec.10, 2012. Arnold English made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by L.A. Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

Nine Wildlife Incident Reports were submitted; however, there were multiple / upside down copies in each packet. Fraudulent and incomplete forms are being submitted and corrective action was discussed. A form documented with "no injuries" regarding the wildlife referred to had actually been witnessed by one of the committee members with a blow to the skull, broken neck, internal bleeding and the majority of one side of the deer's abdomen was absent of hide. Tonya Cummings suggested the term "Completed by" be used on future forms for further clarification. Arnold English said he would modify the form. Jeff Doss volunteered to contact the police chief or someone in authority with the police department to discuss better communication and documentation so that the committee can have someone collect CWD tissue samples on the fresh deads. Barbara Schmitz suggested everyone on the deer committee should commit to learning how to collect these tissue samples. LuAnn Montgomery said she would send a video and written instructions for this procedure to everyone on the committee. Arnold English made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incidents Reports, but would like to see more accurate documentation and better communication for collecting CWD tissue samples. The motion was seconded by N. Swan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

David Achilles, H.P. Deer Manager – David Achilles was absent from the meeting. No presentation or update was given.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

David Ortega, 104 Memory Trail – Currently running for the position of Hollywood Park mayor. His background includes living at 104 Memory Trail with his wife and 2 daughters. Behind his home is a greenbelt with deer in which he has an appreciation for and agrees they are a part of Hollywood Park. His roommate was a vet student at TX A&M from Leakey, where Ortega says he was first introduced to the animal kingdom and it's importance in the eco-system. He has practiced law since 1994 in the oil and gas industry, specifically product liability and trucking.

Chris Falls, 237 Mecca - Currently running for the position of Hollywood Park City Council Place 3. He moved from Tyler, Texas, has lived in Hollywood Park for 2 years with a career in the oil & gas industry. He has a degree in mortuary science and has volunteered to collect CWD tissue samples and teach anyone willing to get involved. He is involved in many community efforts.

Holly McBrayer, 205 Voigt - Currently running for the position of Hollywood Park City Council Place 5. Her background includes living at 205 Voigt with her 3 children. She is employed in outdoor billboard sales in the south Texas area. In her opinion, deer are important to Hollywood Park and would like to see more residents being educated about the deer. She is working with the H.P. Code/Ordinance Board, would like to keep Hollywood Park from big city pressures and discussed ordinance enforcement.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on proposed Spring 2013 deer census.
Discussion included getting a proposed date from Deer Manager, David Achilles for the Hollywood Park Spring deer census. Barbara Schmitz made a motion that a committee member contact David Achilles, in which L.A. Montgomery agreed to perform the task. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding media contact.

LuAnn Montgomery was concerned with media contact issues and our procedures on speaking with them. Carol Ingam made a motion for a committee member to make contact with the mayor's office with S. Crevoisier suggesting contact with H.P. mayor office, also Deer Manager, David Achilles. The motion was seconded by L. Morris, but N. Swan had concerns regarding a mayoral slant on H.P. deer issues and agreed with S. Crevoisier and B. Schmitz regarding D. Achilles being point of contact for the media. L. Morris made a motion for this item be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by A. English. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review, discuss and take possible action with H.P. Deer Committee meeting schedule.

Tonya Cummings made a motion to set the next Deer Committee meeting for 3rd Monday of the month rather than the usual 2nd Monday, which would be Mar. 18, 2013 due to additional trapping time and Spring Break. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding new CWD procedures and requirements.

LuAnn Montgomery updated the committee on the status of Hollywood Park's CWD testing with TX Parks & Wildlife, stating that one fawn being euthanized at the Fails' residence in December saved our "preferred customer" status with the one negative result test for the year 2012. Jeff Doss praised LuAnn Montgomery and Tonya Cummings for maintaining Hollywood Park's compliance with the CWD requirements. He reiterated meeting with H.P. Police Department regarding better communication and more accurate documentation on Wildlife Incident Reports. It appears there are communication issues within all departments of City Hall. The committee agreed to continue collecting tissue sample for CWD from the fresh deads in the community.

CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:

Larry Morris made a motion to accept the following agenda items for the next Deer Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on proposed Spring 2013 deer census and deer TTT from information provided by deer manager, David Achilles.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding media contact.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action with revised call list for CWD sample collection volunteers.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ()
CORRECTED () THIS 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2013.


Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:


Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

City Attorney